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I ventured out into the Patuxent River on Tuesday afternoon and brought home two rockfish about 20 inches long. The fish were breaking inside of marker 5 (Fishing Point) all the way to Green Holly. Most of the fish were small (15 to 16 inches), plenty of birds. You had to chase.

Kris Young of the Tackle Box fished with John Martin the same afternoon and got rockfish in the 24 to 27 inch range. These were breakers around Ragged Point in the Potomac River. Plenty of fish everywhere, lots of birds.

Ray Dickens threw lures around Hog Point on the outgoing tide late this afternoon and scored a 35 inch and 25 inch rockfish. Ray used Youzuri surface poppers. Rock were breaking merrily there, too. Hog Point is in the mouth of the Patuxent River just inside Cedar Point on the Naval Air Station.

There was a report of two 41 inch fish caught trolling in the mouth of the Potomac River on Sunday. Good source; not seen. These fish would be ocean run fish.

The domestic rockfish were hot as fire up above Deale last Saturday with 35 inchers chasing juvenile alewives across the surface. The schools of fish were huge and big flocks of birds were everywhere. Trollers, jiggers, and casters got all they wanted. Where these fish are today is anybody's guess.



Two fine rockfish caught November 3 on a top water plug off Hog Point at NAS Patuxent River.



Kris Young cast lures to breaking fish near Ragged Point in the Potomac River on November 3.



Two rockfish from the Patuxent River caught casting lures to breaking fish in the Patuxent near Fishing Point on November 3.



Lou Holden landed this sea-run 49 inch, 37 pound rockfish near Piney Point in the lower Potomac on Wednesday afternoon.



Bobby Evans of Piney Point, MD with his 44 inch rockfish caught by trolling an umbrella on Wednesday off Stuarts Pier in the lower Potomac. Big fish had plenty of sea lice indicating a recent return from the Atlantic.